

Theme for 2018

**WE ARE THE ARMY OF GOD &
WE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS!**

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)



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“...I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.” John 14:31 (NIV)

Whether or not you have considered this point or not, it is possible that some of your struggles are due to you trying to ‘play’ to an audience other than the Almighty God. You create an unnecessary tension by asking or thinking to yourself, “What will they think? How will they respond?” Yet the heart of Jesus asks, “What does my heavenly Father want? How can I obey Him with my whole heart?” It is an audience of “one” with our Heavenly Father that requires our focus.

So ask yourself, “Whom do I love more? Do I love my Savior more, or do I love the praise of people more?” If you truly love the commendation of Christ more than the approval of people, then you will obey His commands, even when you are misunderstood and mistreated. A life that loves God longs to grow in a relationship that faithfully follows His ways.

On the flip side, caution is required to not become proud in your obedience. In a distorted way, a disciplined life can play into impressing people instead of pleasing God. It is false humility to be proud of our humility and wish others could attain our level of maturity. False humility on the stage of life acts out its spirituality for the world’s accolades.

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“These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.” (Colossians 2:22–23) True humility seeks only to deflect glory back to God’s glory.

However, when all is said and done, living for an audience of “**one**” insists on intense intimacy with Jesus Christ, so that we naturally follow His lead. It is like an eloquent dance rendition, where He leads and we follow. Some steps are new and awkward, while other moves are comfortable and unconscious. If we dance with Jesus before others, He will amuse them most, as He leads us into His will. True humility follows Christ’s lead.

Lastly, learning to live for an audience of “**one**” means to give away recognition and resist taking credit. For example, whether at work, home or church quietly serve behind the scenes without a worry about who gets the recognition for whatever has to be done. Minister and serve for Christ’s Kingdom, so your kingdom fades away and His becomes full center. An audience of “*one*” pleases the **One**.

Joseph revealed his devotion to an audience of “**one**” with the Lord when he declared, “...*How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?*” (Genesis 39:9b.)

Application: How do you embrace the ‘Do I live unashamedly for an audience of **one**?’ What competing audience can you dismiss? My prayer for you is that your approval and acceptance will rest in your Heavenly Father and His expectations for your life.

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear God, You are moving through me to accomplish good, and I am grateful. I acknowledge my oneness with You, and that You have a plan for my life. I pray that every moment of every day that I align myself with Your perfect order and follow Your direction. I am grateful that my life is in the flow of Your Divine order. I pray that I get to the point that Jesus got to of giving thanks in advance knowing that Your Divine order will prevail, today and forevermore. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

“And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King